

## What is Animal Safety Net?

It is a program that offers a safe haven for pets, and provides peace of mind for people who are displaced from their homes by emergencies. The program helps survivors of domestic violence and those who are suddenly homeless who need a temporary place for their pets to stay.

Animal Safety Net is the only formal program of its kind in New England. It is modeled by Monadnock Humane Society (MHS) after similar programs elsewhere in the country, including Los Angeles, CA.

## Animal Safety Net Helps People and Pets When There Is No Alternative

### Victims of Domestic Abuse

- Enabling individuals and families to leave a dangerous situation

### People Experiencing Emergencies or Other Life Challenges

- Being admitted for substance abuse rehabilitation
- Becoming homeless (after fire, floods, job loss or other situations)

### Pets

- Receive refuge in temporary, loving foster homes



Most shelters for domestic violence victims and the homeless, or substance abuse rehab centers, do not allow pets.

## Research Shows

- 🐾 People will choose to live outside in freezing conditions and remain homeless rather than leave their pets behind
- 🐾 Some will stay in a dangerous situation rather than abandon their pets in homes during a natural disaster
- 🐾 Abusers may neglect, threaten, torture or otherwise hurt pets as a way to control or torment partners and children

## How Does MHS Animal Safety Net Work?

A caseworker or client advocate must first make contact through the agencies we have partnerships\* with.

Once arrangements have been made through a partner agency, the pet transfer can take place at:

- Monadnock Humane Society
- A pre-designated, safe drop-off location
- The client's house (if it is safe to do so)

\*Current partner agencies include: Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention, Shelter From The Storm, Southwestern Community Services, and Hundred Nights Shelter.

MHS is open to new partnerships with this program. For more information, please contact us at [603.352.9011](tel:603.352.9011) x203.

## Families with pets in the Animal Safety Net Program said that:



Knowing their animals were safe made it easier for them emotionally



They would not have gone into a domestic violence shelter if they had not been able to place their pets



Recent photos and updates about their pet helped comfort them



MHS received this sweet note from an 8 year old girl whose dog stayed in the Animal Safety Net Program until her family could find secure housing.

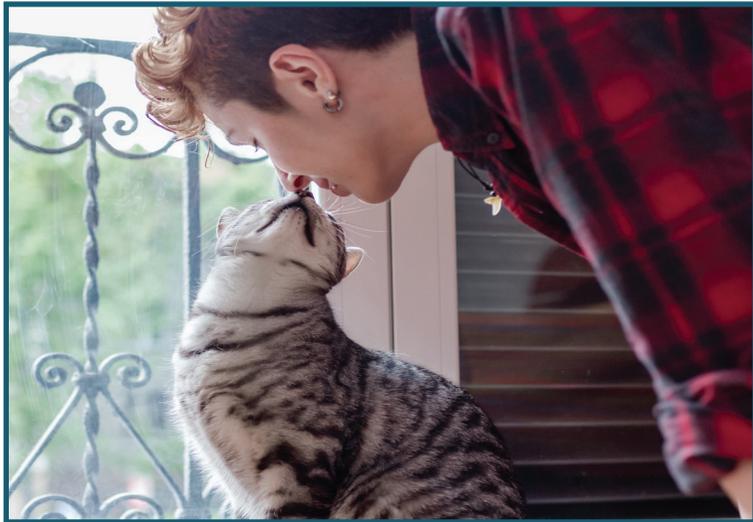


## What Does MHS Animal Safety Net Provide?

- **Free housing** for most types of pets at MHS or in safe, undisclosed foster homes that are screened and receive continual support
- **Veterinary care**, vaccines, microchipping and a spay/neuter surgery for pets as needed
- **Photos and periodic updates** about the pets

## How Can You Help?

- 🐾 **Become a Foster Parent.** Provide a loving, safe, temporary home for most types of pets so that their owners can navigate a challenging situation without worry for their pets' safety. We will provide everything they need!
- 🐾 **Donate.** Your gift to support the Animal Safety Net Program is needed. To give, please visit our website or send a check by mail (specify Animal Safety Net in the "honor/memo" field).
- 🐾 **Grants and Sponsorship.** If your company or foundation would like to partner with us, please contact Carol Laughner at [603.352.9011 x115](tel:603.352.9011) or [Carol@HumaneCommunity.org](mailto:Carol@HumaneCommunity.org).



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## About Monadnock Humane Society

The mission of Monadnock Humane Society is to foster a compassionate community by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals.

MHS promises to honor, respect and celebrate the mutually beneficial relationship between people and their pets.

### The organization:

- was founded in 1875
- is a private, charitable nonprofit
- serves the 44 towns in the Monadnock Region
- cares for an average of 1,400 animals each year
- relies on more than 700 dedicated volunteers

MHS is supported solely by the generosity of our community. We rely on donations from people, foundations and businesses.

The organization receives no state or federal funding, and does not receive financial help from national humane organizations.



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